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AMENDMENT

Introductory comments

The present amendment is submitted in response to an office action mailed 12/28/2004.

In the present amendment the abstract is revised to remove reference numbers, and the specification is revised to add three reference numbers to the text to make it consistent with the drawings. This eliminates the objection to the drawings for certain reference characters not being included in the specification. A required correction of the specification to provide proper antecedent basis for a claimed projected support member has respectfully not been made owing to the antecedent basis already present in the text of the specification at page 4, bottom paragraph and at Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings. Other objections to drawings, abstract and specification are believed overcome by the changes listed above. The objection to claim 1 is hereby traversed. The question, asking whether the upward projecting support member is the zipper, waistband elastic or something else, is already answered by the bottom paragraph on page 4 of the specification in combination with

Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings. The answer is "something else", namely, an upwardly protruding gusset, which serves as a support member and as stated supports the zipper, rather than vice versa, and which enables the main zipper to be opened to the small of the back, allowing opening over the hips of the user. It is submitted that claim 1 is not unclear when read in context as provided above.

Claim 1 is amended, and claims 10 and 11 are newly added to provide additional coverage of the invention.